

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE EDUCATION AGENCY**

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

**State Education Agency
Office of Academic Credentials and Standards (OACS)**

**Teacher Quality Enhancement State Grant
Goal 3.3 Sub-grants**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), State Education Agency (SEA) Office of Academic Credentials and Standards (OACS), is soliciting grant applications from LEAs or LEA Consortium.

Under the 1998 Amendments to the Higher Education Act Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Grants were awarded to states. Goal 3.3 states that the DC TQE State Grant will assist LEA's in developing professional development and staff evaluation systems that are linked to national accomplished teaching standards and local student needs. The SEA anticipates the average IHE subgrant award will be \$70,000 per participating institution.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on July 25, 2005 and the deadline for submission is September 12, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ms. Nelda Owsiak (nelda.owsiak@k12.dc.us) or Tom Kelly (tomj.kelly@k12.dc.us). The RFA will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website, http://www.opdg.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website, www.dcps.dc.gov no later than, July XX, 2005.

Applicants to the program must attend the Pre-Application Conference on August 4, 2005 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at 825 North Capitol Street, NE, 6th Flr., Office of Academic Credentials.